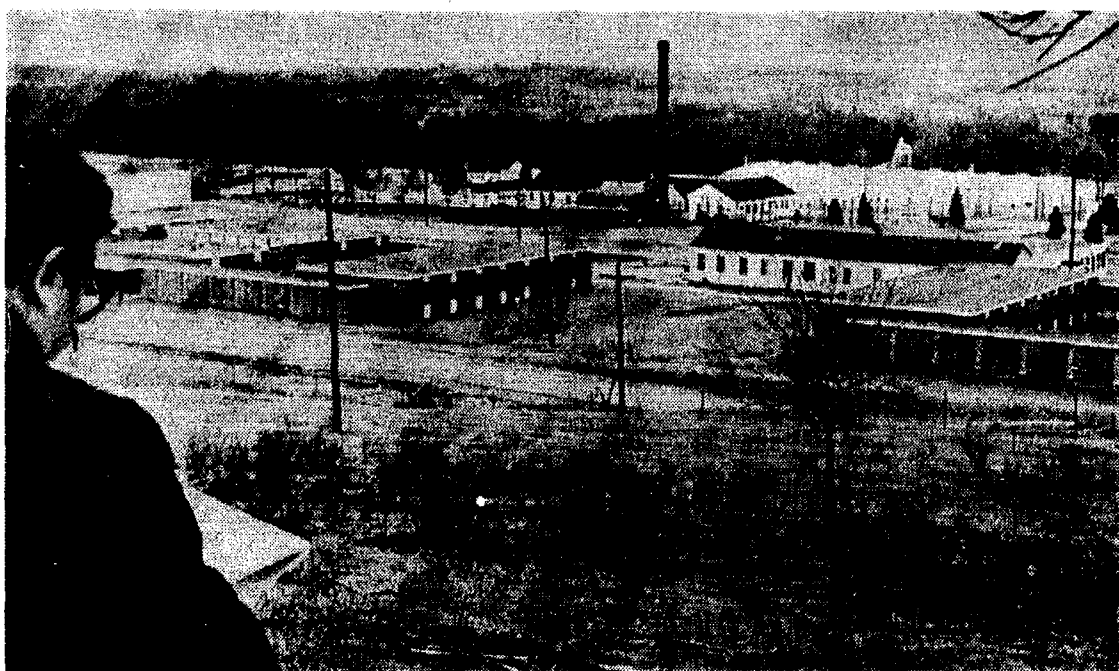


## M-139 AUTO CRASH KILLS 4 IN FAMILY



MINIMUM SECURITY PRISON: Main buildings of the sprawling minimum security federal prison at Allenwood, Pa., are shown in this view made from hilltop on the prison grounds Friday. The camp,

described by a civil rights lawyer as a detention camp for draft resisters, holds 346 inmates, about 90 of them convicted of Selective Service violations. (AP Wirephoto)

### Policeman Now Has Clean Slate

Pardon Wipes Out  
Prison Record

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP)—Patrolman Edward D. Melden wheeled his police cruiser about this coastal city confidently today, smiling and talking about the pardon that wiped out his prison record.

"When I was a little boy I wanted to be a policeman," Melden said. "But when I went to prison I thought it would never become a reality."

The Bay City, Mich., native had his own masonry contracting business when he was offered a job on the police force.

"I was asked to take the job three times. I declined twice due to my past. Chief (Chelcie) Barga said it would work out all right. I was hesitant. I thought somebody might get hold of this."

But Michigan Gov. William Milliken wiped the slate clean Friday with a full pardon intended to "afford relief from unjust hardship and discrimination which often results from the stigma of conviction."

"It started over a car race. I had a pretty hot car. This boy stole this other car. I didn't know the car was stolen at the time. The car caught fire and we just left it. They put all the



EDWARD D. MELDEN

### 'No Political Prisoners Here'

Warden Denies Charges  
Made By Lawyer

ALLENWOOD, Pa. (AP) — There are no political prisoners at the federal prison at Allenwood—just men who have been convicted of violating U.S. law, says Warden J. J. Parker.

Parker, answering assertions by a civil rights lawyer that Allenwood is a detention camp for draft resisters, said in an interview Friday:

"No one is detained here, or held here, unless he has been convicted of violating a federal law. No one is held here awaiting trial or is here for questioning. If a person is convicted by a court, then you have detention. It is as simple as that, and no more."

Allenwood, which holds 346 inmates, about 90 of them convicted of Selective Service law violations, was cited by William Kunstler as one of six major U.S. detention camps. Kunstler, a civil rights attorney, said in a New York news conference Thursday that some Negroes and radical whites are afraid Allenwood will be used to hold political prisoners, such as draft

resisters. The Justice Department has said no such political detention camp exists in the United States and called Kunstler's description "untrue."

#### MINIMUM SECURITY

The Bureau of Prisons in Washington said attempts are always made to send offenders such as draft resisters to minimum security institutions like Allenwood.

"They are the type of prisoner who doesn't require a great deal of security," a spokesman said. Such a large proportion of prisoners at Allenwood are draft resisters because it is the only such prison on the East Coast, said the spokesman. More than 400 other draft resisters are spread throughout the federal prison system, he said.

Parker, 45, said charges that Allenwood was created to house antigovernment dissenters in times of national emergency are constantly repeated.

"It comes up several times a year," he said. "People come down and visit and find it's just not true. Visitors find easy access to the camp. There are no guards, and one can walk or drive through without being stopped."

The Allenwood facility—4,200 acres of neatly fenced farms and a furniture factory—is guarded by 18 unarmed custodial officers.

Kunstler said another of the camps is set up near Avon Park, Fla., but the institution's superintendent said it was returned from federal to state control in 1962 and is a minimum security state prison housing 610 felons.

Supt. Herbert Kelley said, "I don't know the reasoning behind what this guy is saying, but I think it stems from back around 1952 when it was one of six or so places in the nation leased by the Federal Bureau of Prisons."

It was used for 10 years to house an overflow of prisoners from the federal prison at Tallahassee, he said.

The 600 acres, part of the 108,000-acre Avon Park bombing range, are leased by the state from the Air Force.

Smorgasbord \$2.25, Milner Rest. Sun. 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Adv.

### Fifth Death Occurs At Buchanan

Smashup In  
Benton Hurts  
Berrien Deputy

Four members of an Illinois family were killed last night in a smashup involving a Berrien county sheriff's department patrol car, and a Buchanan man lost his life in another traffic crash.

Three others in the Illinois family and Sheriff's Deputy Michael Dennis Devine, 32, were hospitalized as a result of the two-car collision on M-139 at I-94 in Benton township.

Benton township police said the Illinois car was driven in front of the squad car from the I-94 exit ramp and struck broadside on the driver's side. The patrol car, officers said, was northbound on M-139 at an estimated speed of 50 miles an hour.

#### HEADED ACROSS ROAD

The driver was apparently crossing M-139 to reach the Holiday Inn, Sgt. Jack Drach and Patrolman Michael Bowie said. The family was enroute to visit a relative in Jackson.

Dead were:

Robert H. O'Rourke, 46, route 1, Winnebago, Ill., his wife, Ramona, 43, and their daughters, Marilyn, 15, and Gwen, 8. Killed in Buchanan was Vernon Dean Bounds 26, whose auto struck a tree in the 100 block of Chippewa street, about 7 p.m. Friday. Buchanan police said Bounds, who was traveling alone, apparently lost control of the car at a jog in the street.

The five fatalities raised Berrien county's highway death toll to eight for the year, two more than at the same time in 1968.

Hospitalized in Mercy Hospital, Benton Harbor, from the Benton crash were

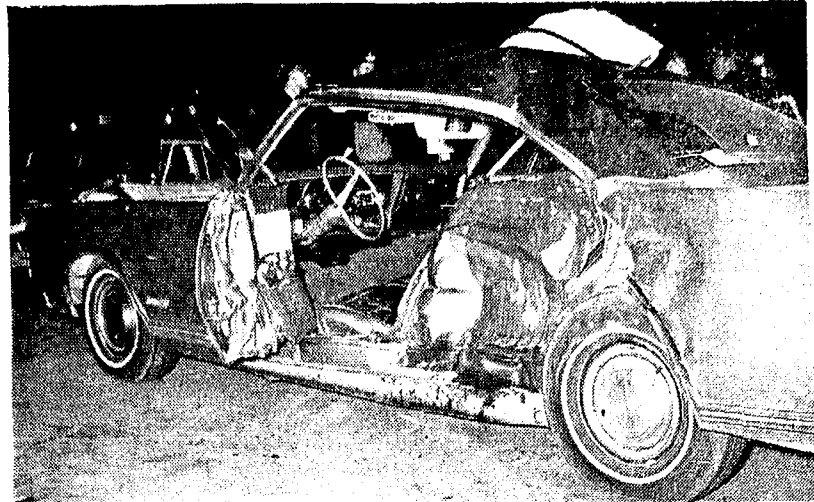
Colleen O'Rourke, 11, daughter of the dead couple, and Mrs. Verneile Van Reenen, 69, of Rockford, Ill., the mother of Mrs. O'Rourke. They were reported in critical condition.

In Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, were Alvin VanReenen, 71, also of Rockford, Ill., the husband of Mrs. VanReenen, and Deputy Devine. VanReenen was reported in fair condition. Devine was said to be in fairly good condition.

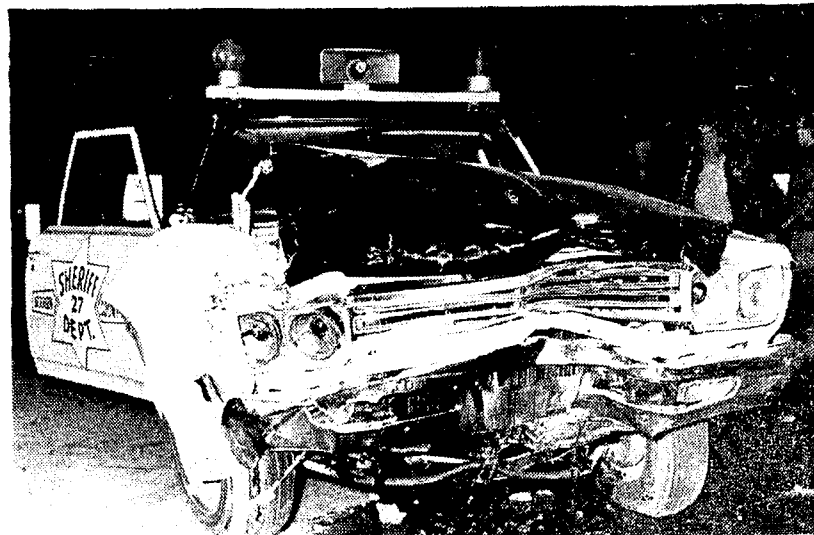
Township officers said the crash occurred about 10:24 p.m. and caused the cars to spin from the northbound to southbound lanes of M-139.

Sgt. Drach and Bowie said the O'Rourke car had crossed one lane of M-139 and was about midway in the second when struck. No skid marks were found either behind the squad car or the O'Rourke auto, the officers said.

According to the officers, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



FAMILY TRAGEDY: Four members of one family from Winnebago, Ill., were killed last night when this car was struck by a Berrien county sheriff's department patrol car. Benton township police, who investigated the crash, said the Illinois car was driven from the I-94 exit ramp onto M-139 in front of the northbound police car. Four other persons were hurt.



WRECKED POLICE CAR: Berrien county Sheriff's Deputy Michael Devine, driver of this patrol car, and three members of an Illinois family were in hospitals in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor early today following accident last night which claimed four lives. Devine was driving north on M-139 when the car carrying the family started to cross M-139.

### Ray May Switch Plea To Guilty

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Amid published reports that James Earl Ray will plead guilty and accept a 99-year sentence for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the judge for Ray's trial has granted him a hearing Monday morning.

Beyond a terse announcement from Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle that the hearing had been granted and that newsmen accredited to cover the trial should arrive early, there was no official indication of what would happen.

The Huntsville, Ala., Times reported in Friday's editions that Ray, charged with murdering King, would plead guilty in exchange for a 99-year sentence instead of a possible death penalty.

### Segregation Also Illegal For Blacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The issue, said director Ruby Martin of the federal Office of Civil Rights, couldn't be clearer: "You don't build a Malcolm X dormitory. You integrate."

That, said Mrs. Martin, a Negro, will be the gist of a memorandum the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will mail next week to 2,300 colleges and universities in the United States.

The memorandum could plunge the Nixon Administration into the midst of the violence-pocked controversy wracking scores of the nation's campuses over demands by militant young blacks for separate courses and faculties.

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### Young Blacks, Whites Will Swap Families

MUSKEGON (AP)—Seven Negro high school pupils and seven white pupils are set to begin an experiment which they hope will lead to improved race relations in the Muskegon area.

They will swap homes and families for a three-day period. Under the plan, the Negro teen-agers from Muskegon Heights High School and the white students from Muskegon Mona Shores will live in home with a family of the opposite race.

Steve Rothschild, a white student at Mona Shores, said, "This is real education in learning to understand other people to create a better understanding between races."

This will also establish a closer feeling between the two schools, Rothschild added, which is one of the purposes of the program.



LISTENING IN: Hostesses, school official and policeman at Class D tournament at Niles high school ignore game going on in nearby gym to crowd around radio in hallway and listen to broadcast of Benton Harbor-Niles Class A game from St. Joseph. The final news was sad, however, as their Vikings lost to Benton Harbor in overtime, 87-86. Details of Tigers' latest district title conquest in sports section. (Redman & Ames photo)



MICHAEL DEVINE  
Deputy Survives Crash







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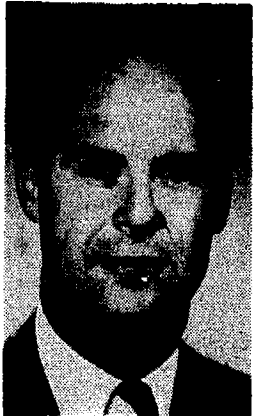
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## STATE WILL SET RULES FOR NUCLEAR PLANT

### Birth Control Group Formed

#### Planned Parenthood Unit Elects Officers

Robert C. Upton was elected president of the newly-organized Twin Cities Area Planned Parenthood Association Friday.



ROBERT C. UPTON  
First President

Serving with Upton will be Mrs. Robert VanAntwerp and J. Parnell Dwan as vice presidents; Gene McFadden, secretary, and Francis A. Jones, treasurer.

Board members elected were, for one year: Jasper Burt, Rabbi Irving Dick, Charles Joseph, C.T. Loftus, Reger Smith, Mrs. Ronald Sondee, Mrs. Kern Sosey, and Lionel Stacey, Jr.; for two years, Mrs. Julia Barnes, Wesley Borwerman, Francis A. Jones, Mrs. Violette McMurray, Joseph D. Mackin, Sam Smith, Dr. Harzel Taylor, and Mrs. Charles O. Zollar; for three years, Dr. R.C. Conybeare, J. Parnell Dwan, the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, Dr. Robert P. Locey, Gene McFadden, Robert C. Upton, Mrs. Robert VanAntwerp and Mrs. Jackie Zerlaut.

Also present was Carl Spekman of Indianapolis, regional director of the organization.

#### CHIEF OF STAFF

LANSING (AP) — Col. Ralph C. Phillips of Eagle has been appointed chief of staff of the Michigan National Guard, Maj. Gen. C.C. Schnipke announced Friday.

### Similarity In Slayings Is Checked

#### Cape Cod, Berrien Cases Not Linked

Authorities in Massachusetts have not found any connection between a 25-year-old multiple slaying suspect and southwestern Michigan, the Boston bureau of The Associated Press informed this newspaper.

The Associated Press was queried on the possibility that Antonio Costa, 25, might have been in Michigan four years ago when the bodies of three females were discovered in Berrien county.

Costa is charged at Provincetown, Mass., with the murders of two young women whose mutilated bodies were found in Cape Cod sand dunes. He also is under investigation in the slayings of two other girls in Massachusetts.

#### PROVINCETOWN NATIVE

Ross Hagen of the Boston AP bureau said Costa is believed to be a native of the Provincetown area, but he also has been placed in Boston, New York City and California. Costa is an unemployed carpenter and taxidermist.

This newspaper routinely checks the whereabouts of multiple-slaying suspects for possible connections with Berrien county's unsolved murders. A call to Texas in July, 1966, revealed that Richard Speck, killer of eight nurses in Chicago, was in a Dallas jail during the triple murder period in Berrien county.

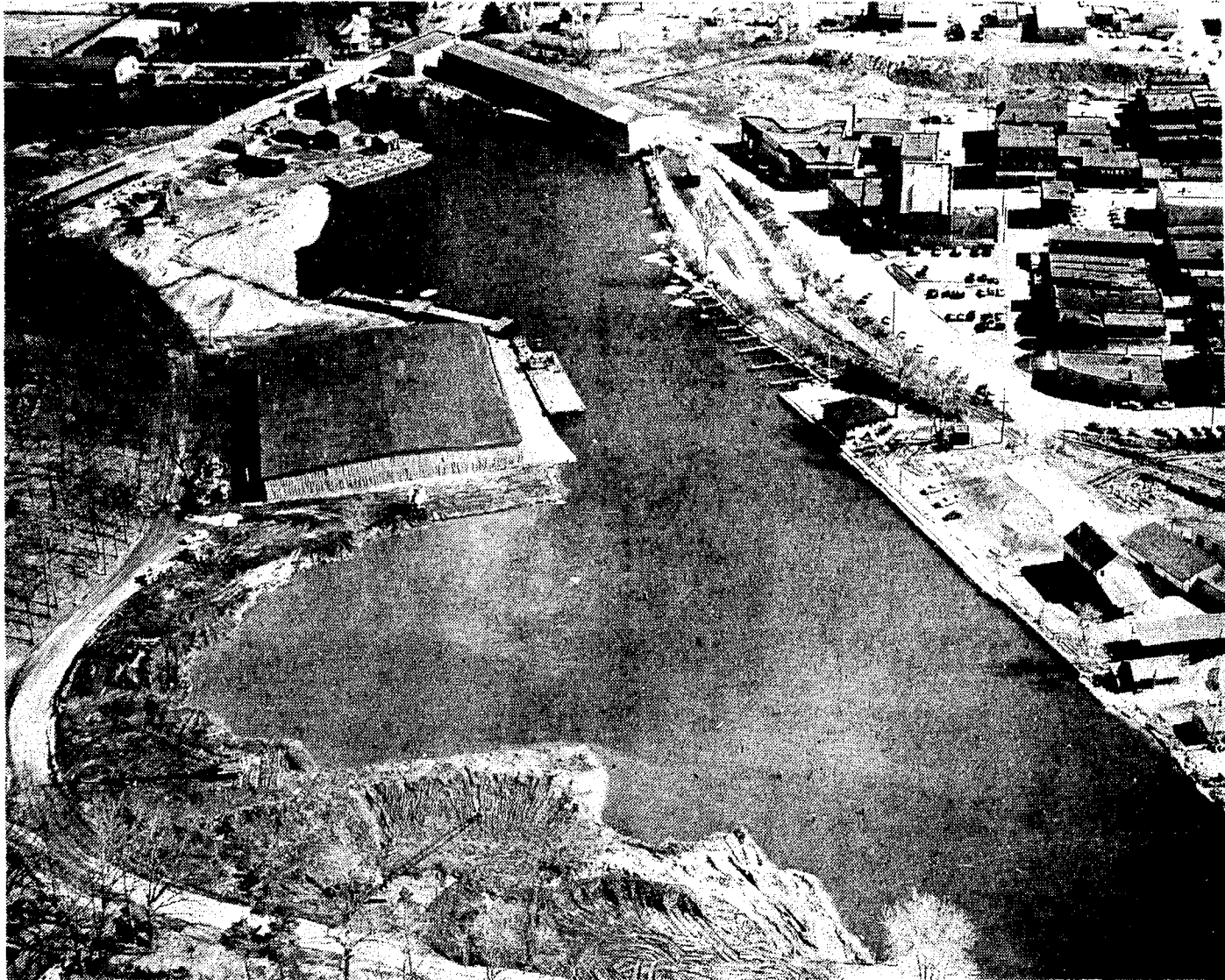
Extensive investigations are conducted by Benton Harbor Det. Lt. Ronald Smith and Andrew Novikoff, investigator for the Berrien prosecutor's office. Smith noted that after the arrest of the Boston strangler, Massachusetts authorities were contacted to determine if there was any similarity in the knots used in strangulation of the Boston woman and a knotted scarf found on the body of a Berrien county victim. The reply was negative.

The Berrien county case shocked southwestern Michigan when the bodies of two women and a seven-year-old girl were found April 4, 1965, in a pine grove 10 miles east of Benton Harbor. One of the bodies was decapitated. The head had been hacked off one of the corpses found in Massachusetts.

An earlier unsolved murder of a young woman also was linked to the case.

### SMC Student In 'Who's Who'

EAU CLAIRE —Thomas Ferry, a sophomore student at Southwestern Michigan college, Dowagiac, is named in the current edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." He is the son of Postmaster and Mrs. Thomas Ferry, Sr., of route 2, Box 20, Eau Claire.



**MARINA BASIN TAKES SHAPE:** Aerial view over South Haven's \$347,000 marina project shows shape of things to come as cranes for Canonic Construction Co., South Haven, general contractors, continue to dredge out basin area on north bank of Black River. A company executive, Dick Maleblocki, said about 70,000 yards of material have been hauled away from the site and that the excavation this week is about 90 percent completed.

Maleblocki said workmen should begin to start driving piling around March 12 and that the project is presently moving ahead of schedule. Deadline for finishing the job is July 15 although the builder is trying to get things completed enough for a marina dedication during South Haven Centennial planned for July 1 through 6. (Adolph Hann photo)

## Liked Kids; Leaves \$100,000 To Scouts

A Chicago bachelor who "liked kids" has left an estate valued at more than \$100,000 to Boy Scouts of southwestern Michigan.

In a will made in 1956 and filed with Berrien Probate Judge Ronald Lange this week, Mr. Urban Lucas Stucker of Glendora road, Buchanan, gave to Southwestern Michigan Council No. 258 all of his \$131,400 estate, except for some personal possessions to friends, the Buchanan public library and the Ford Museum in Dearborn.

He was born in Chicago, joined the Illinois Bar association in 1917 and dealt successfully in real estate

before retiring to a small farm in Buchanan township in the early 1940s, according to the estate executor, Atty. B.R. Desenberg of Buchanan.

Mr. Stucker arrived at Atty. Desenberg's office one day in 1956 to draw up a will.

"I said, well, who do you want to leave your property to?" Atty. Desenberg reported.

Mr. Stucker said his relatives didn't need the money.

"I said, 'That kind of leaves us at a dead end, doesn't it?' He said, 'Leave it to kids. I like kids. Any kids — pick them out yourself.'"

Atty. Desenberg's eye fell on a scouting award and he mentioned local Boy Scouts.

"Fine, that's fine," Mr. Stucker said. "I've been to the camp (Camp Madron, a scout camp in Buchanan township over there and they're doing a fine job. 'Give it to them.'"

Mr. Stucker died at home Jan. 29 at the age of 73.

Some five months are expected to pass before probating his will is completed. The farm, shrunk through the years to a small parcel near Camp Madron, is valued at \$6,400. The bulk of the estate is personal property including federal savings bonds.

### Jewelry Stolen From Car

Benton Harbor was one of the stops listed by a jewelry salesman who told state police in Jackson Friday that between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in jewelry had been stolen from the trunk of his auto during a trip through Michigan.

The salesman, Oliver Schmidt, 30, of Cincinnati, Ohio, told police the jewelry in two display cases may have been taken during stops in Benton Harbor, Holland, Kalamazoo or Jackson, where he noted the loss.

#### HEARING SLATED

LANSING (AP) — A public hearing on proposed rules to govern the new State Housing Development Authority will be held March 17 in Lansing, Gov. William Milliken has announced.



#### MASTER'S DEGREE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balsanek, Riviera road, New Buffalo, recently received his master's degree in landscape architecture from Iowa State university at Ames. Balsanek has been elected to the Iowa State chapter of Gamma Delta Sigma, agriculture honor society. His wife Judith teaches second grade in the Ames school system.

### Ballot Has 2 Contests

Two contests face Stevensville voters when they go to the polls Monday.

James S. Small, Stevensville village president for the last 10 years, will be opposed by write-in candidate, Conrad Stampohar. Stampohar is a Democrat and Small is a Republican.

Four men are seeking seats on the three-man village council. Running for the office of village trustees are Charles Ott Jr., Jean Lake, Barney Yaslick and Richard Zandarski.

Fred Albrecht is running unopposed for the office of village clerk.

#### REFRESHER COURSE

LANSING (AP) — The State Department of Licensing and Regulation plans a landscape architecture refresher course March 19-20 at Michigan State University.

### Regulates Discharge Of Wastes

#### Water Resources Commission Slates Two-Day Meeting

The Michigan Water Resources commission has circulated copies of orders it may adopt March 19 in East Lansing setting tolerances for thermal, radioactive and other discharges into Lake Michigan from the \$300 million Donald C. Cook nuclear generating plant near Bridgman.

The commission is set to begin a two-day meeting about 9 a.m. March 19 at Inn America and probably will adopt the "order of determination" the same day, according to Southwestern Michigan Regional Engineer Robert J. Courchaine of the MWRC.

The proposed order copies Atomic Energy Commission tolerances for the discharge of radioactive wastes into the lake while keeping water "safe to drink on a lifetime basis from the standpoint of its radioactivity content," said MWRC Executive secretary Ralph Purdy.

Tolerances are "very conservative," he said.

Without setting specific temperature limits the order also would prohibit discharge of water, used to cool steam that generates electricity, hot enough to injure aquatic and other life and the value or use of waterfront land.

#### 21 DEGREES HOTTER

Company officials have said they expect plant discharge water to be 21 degrees hotter than the lake. If this proves too hot, the MWRC would "require the company to correct the situation causing the injury, which in this case would mean the installation of cooling devices sufficient to reduce the temperature below the level required," Purdy said.

Also prohibited are solid discharges that would create "unnatural deposits on the bed, surface or shores" of the lake which would injure its recreation and other uses.

The Cook plant, announced in late 1966 by Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. and its parent, American Electric Power System, is under construction on the Lake Michigan shore line just north of Bridgman.

It will use nuclear fuel to generate electricity and is expected to be completed in 1972. Company officials are awaiting AEC approval of the plant's construction.

#### NOT PUBLIC HEARING

The MWRC meeting March 19-20 is not a public hearing but written comments on the proposed order may be submitted by March 18, Courchaine said. It conducted a public hearing on the plant in Berrien county Nov. 7 and the AEC held a similar one here Feb. 13.

If MWRC radioactivity tolerances, which have a built-in safety factor, are not exceeded the lake water will remain "safe to drink on a lifetime basis," according to Purdy.

"Most of the radioactivity (discharged) from reactor such as this will be short-lived, that is, have a short half-life," he added. "Some (half-lives) are in seconds, minutes, days, and some of it in years."

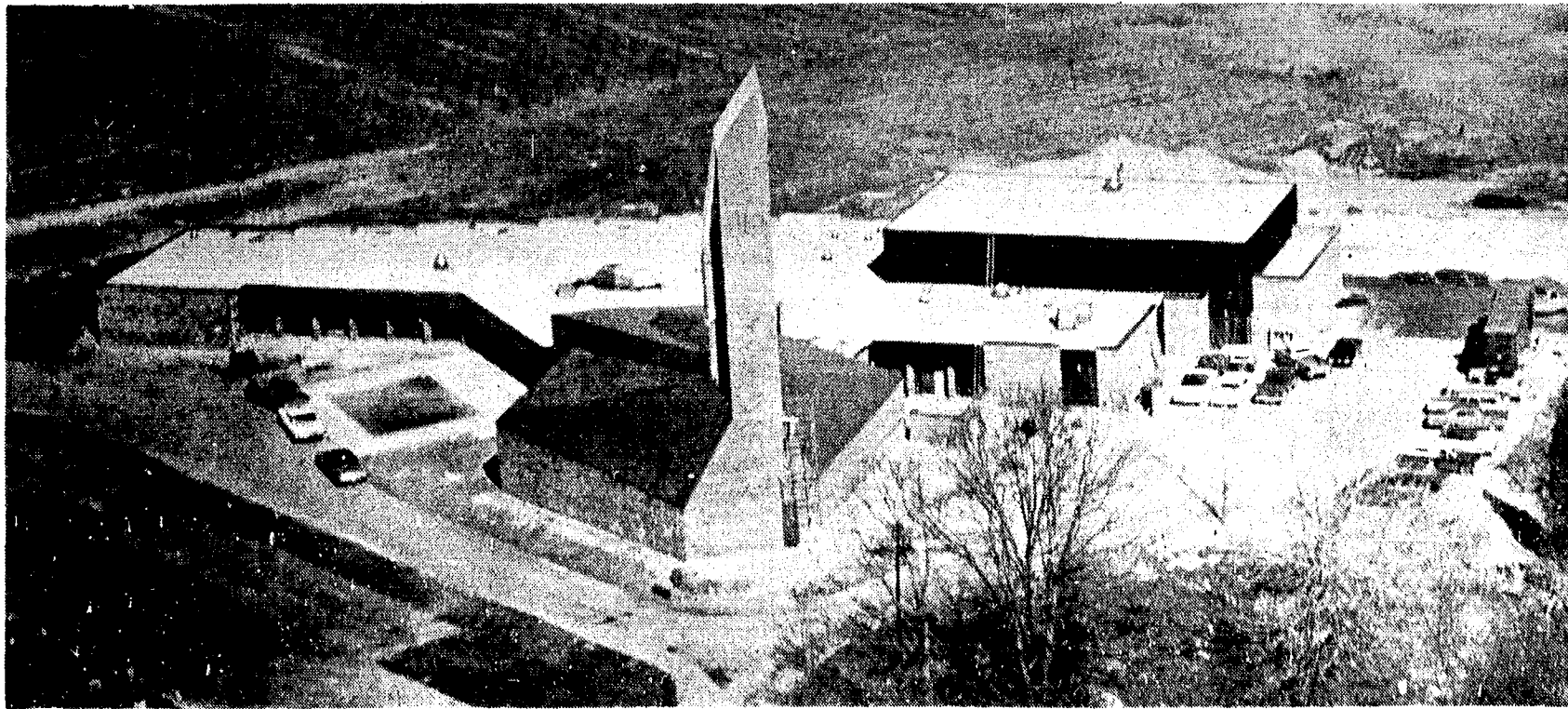
Power company spokesmen have said a specially designed disposal system will store radioactive wastes for a lengthy period to allow some to decay and that "some very low (radioactive) level waste water will be discharged to the lake."

Higher-level radioactive waste would be disposed of elsewhere.

### Cup Causes Search For Hospital Fire

A plastic cup placed over a lightbulb in the pediatric section at Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, last night sent both hospital staff members and city firemen on an intensive search for a burning odor.

Staff members smelled a slight odor from the heated cup about 8:34 p.m. but couldn't locate the source. Firemen were called and joined the search until the bulb was found. The firemen said one of the young patients had apparently placed the cup over the bulb.



**CHRIST LUTHERAN OPENING SET:** Some 120 Christ Lutheran school children are scheduled to start classes March 15 in this new school on Cleveland avenue south of Glenford road, Lincoln township. Attached to school is new church which will

be opened later. First church services are slated March 23 in school gymnasium. School includes five classrooms, three offices, library and social room. Holland Construction Co. was general contractor for project which has total cost of about \$800,000.

Old Christ Lutheran church and school at 2900 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph, have been purchased by St. Joseph school district. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)



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## Tigers Nip Upset-Minded Vikings In Overtime

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## Atkinson Saves District Title

By JIM DeLAND  
Sports Editor

Benton Harbor's Tigers still reign as Class A district champions, but they came within seconds of being deposed as Berrien county basketball kings Friday night.

It took an unrelenting comeback drive capped by Bobby Atkinson's short jump shot with three seconds left in overtime to pull out a hair-raising 87-86 victory over upset-minded Niles and give the Tigers their fifth district title in the past six years.

It was also Benton Harbor's 19th straight victory over Niles, but more than 3,000 fans who jammed the St. Joseph gym last night know how close the valiant Vikings came to ending that reign of terror.

"Niles deserves everything you can say," Tiger coach Ace Elsner said in a post-game tribute to the vanquished Vikings. "They played inspired ball both games in the tournament. I'm just happy to survive."

But survive the Tigers did with a magnificent display of determination in the face of what at times seemed impossi-

ble odds.

Down 62-52 at the start of the fourth quarter, they poured 30 points through the nets in a whirlwind seven-minute blitz to send the game into overtime at 82-82 on Larry Sanders' 30-foot bomb with six seconds left, and then battled from behind again to finally seize the victory.

Niles held the upper hand throughout the overtime period after Skip Miller swished a jump shot with only 10 seconds gone, but the Tigers fought back to tie it up at 84-84 on a pair of free throws by Don Hopkins, who sank another foul

shot with 23 seconds left to bring Benton Harbor to within one at 86-85 after a pair of charities by Dave Brumfield.

The rest of the game was complete chaos, with Benton Harbor getting the ball twice on traveling calls against the Vikings. The Tigers kicked it away the first time, but after getting it back with 11 seconds left passed it out to Sanders for another long jumper.

This time the Tigers' chief gunner missed, but Atkinson alertly scooped up his 12th rebound, dribbled once to the center of the free throw lane and banked a jump shot off the backboard to put Benton Harbor ahead for the first time in 15 minutes.

Tiger fans immediately flooded the floor as the final seconds ticked off the scoreboard, but the officials waved them off and restored one second to the board because Niles had previously called time out.

The Vikings had planned a long pass to Miller for their last chance, but with everyone covered sophomore Rick Karnes heaved the in-bounds toss the length of the court and it caromed off the backboard and rim before bouncing into the hands of Benton Harbor's Al Williams.

Even had the ball gone through, the basket would not have counted, but that was still just about how close the Vikings came to a second giant tournament upset.

"I had a splitting headache when I came tonight and I haven't lost it yet," Elsner sighed in the locker room. "All we could do was keep going after them and hope for the best."

Leading the charge were Sanders and Hopkins, who tallied over half the Tigers' points in the fourth quarter and finished the game with 24 and 22 respectively.

Center Lonnie Moltimore was the big gun in the first three quarters with 17 points and 15 rebounds, but fouled out with only 21 seconds gone in the final period.

Miller paced the Vikings with 28 points and all four of his fellow starters also reached double figures, with Al Rosebush netting 18, Brumfield 13, Bill Haslett 12 and center Tom Mallory 11.

Mallory got all his points in the first half before fouling out midway through the third quarter, and the Vikings also lost Haslett and Rosebush on fouls before the game was over.

"We had two sophomores and two juniors in there at the end," Niles coach Dean Adams noted. "We lost a lot of experience."

The Vikings also lost a lot of scoring power, as the three players hit 16 of 23 shots during their abbreviated stays to pace the Vikings in some deadly shooting that almost gunned the Tigers down.

Although soundly outbounded and badgered into 23 turnovers, the Vikings held the lead most of the way by sinking 29 of 56 (.512) shots from the floor and a deadly 28 of 36 from the free throw line.

Benton Harbor hit a solid 35 of 81 (.432) from the field, but squandered a possible 26 points at the foul line, where the Tigers connected on only 17 of 37 and only 6 of 20 in the first three periods.

Both teams were forced to shoot largely from outside in a battle of 2-1-2 zone defenses, and although the Vikings hit consistently the Tigers found it fatal to go man-to-man—a strategy they attempted briefly in the third quarter when Niles ran its shuffle offense for three quick layups.

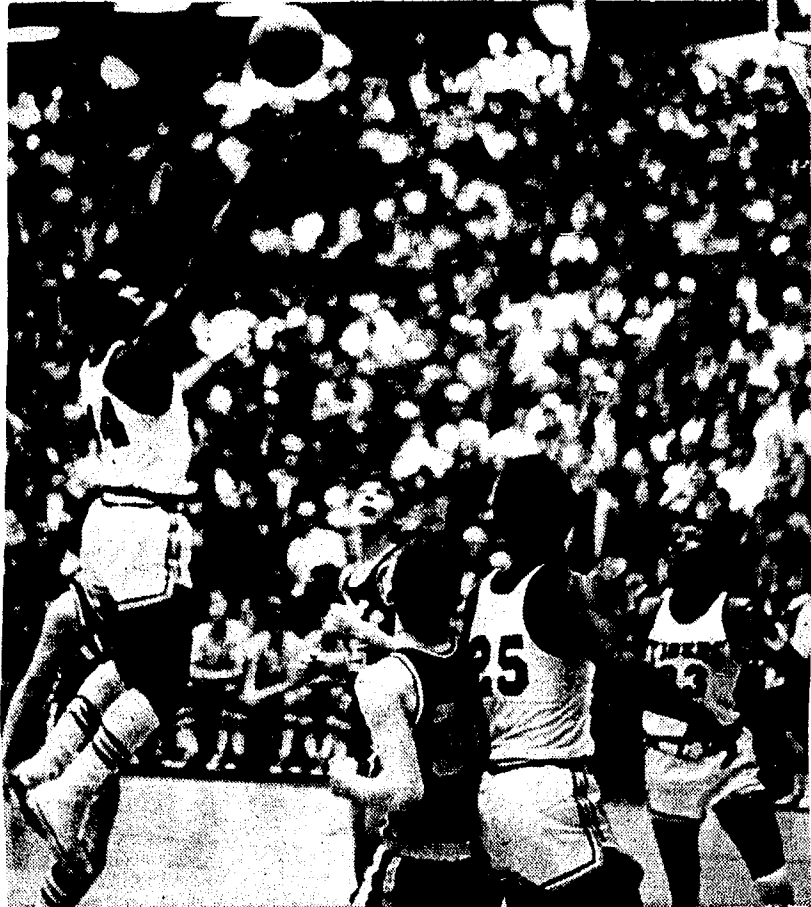
Benton Harbor was far off its sizzling pace of the St. Joe game and lost inside scoring when Moltimore fouled out, but the Tigers still hit 11 of 19 shots in the fourth quarter when they got their fast break in gear.

The triumph gives Benton Harbor a 13-4 record to take into next Wednesday's 8:30 p.m. regional game against the winner of the Lansing Everett district—probably highly-ranked East Lansing.

Niles ends the season with an 8-10 record after bumping off Holland earlier in the week.

**Benton Harbor (87) Niles (86)**  
G F P G F P  
Horace, 1 2 5 Miller, 1 9 10  
Hopkins, 1 6 6 Rosebush, 1 6 2  
Moltimore, 1 2 5 Mallory, 1 3 5  
Sanders, 1 10 4 Haslett, 1 3 2  
Atkinson, 1 3 2 Brumfield, 1 3 2  
Coleman, 1 0 3 Riley, 1 2 1  
Williams, 1 1 4 Karnes, 0 0 2  
Anderson, 0 1 0 Jackel, 0 0 2  
TOTALS 35 17 26 TOTALS 29 28 26

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**  
Benton Harbor 19 14 19 30 5-87  
Niles 19 17 24 22 4-86  
Officials: Bud Brobeck and Al Cater (both of Kalamazoo).



**WINNING BASKET:** Benton Harbor guard Bobby Atkinson lets go with short jump shot from center of free throw lane as teammates Bill Coleman (25) and Don Hopkins poise for rebound. Atkinson's shot fell through with four seconds left in overtime Friday night to give Benton Harbor 87-86 victory over Niles in Class A district finals. (Redman & Ames photo)

## Perennial Class B Kings Capture District Crown

From Associated Press

River Rouge, always a threat for Class B schoolboy basketball honors and rated No. 1 in the final Associated Press ratings, earned a spot in next week's regional play with an 81-66 district tournament championship verdict over No. 9 rated Ecorse Friday night.

The Rouge, eight times Class B kings since 1954, finished the regular season with a 16-2 record and Ecorse won 14 of 17 games.

Menominee broke into high school basketball district tournament action Friday night by beating Kingsford in a Class B game, 81-61, showing the form that took the U.P. team to the top in 1967 and close to it last year.

Dewey Bellisle netted 26 points to lead Menominee to its 12th straight victory of the season and assuring the team of a berth in regional play. Last year, the Class B power won 28 straight before bowing by three points in a state tournament semifinal match.

In Class A action, two rated powers, Jackson and Battle Creek Central met in a close duel at Jackson, with the home team coming out on top 55-51. Bill Norris scored 25 points for Jackson, enabling his team to catch up and go ahead in the final five minutes.

Upstart University of Detroit High led rated Detroit Mumford through most of another Class A game, but Mumford came back in the final quarter and won 63-61 behind the 24-point shooting of Marvin Taylor.

St. Ignace, rated eighth in Class C, fought off a strong Munising effort behind the 21 points of junior forward John McKinn. The game was tied 12 times before Pete Everson got the deciding basket with seconds left to tie the game at 57-56.

Two of Class D's powers were defeated in district final upsets, with Ewen Trout Creek losing to Lake Linden 51-50 and Britton Macon bowing to Sand Creek 65-



**ONE-FOR-ONE:** Buchanan's Don Remnhack is an obviously happy coach after winning a Class B district championship in his first year at the helm of the Bucks. His high-scoring center, Dale Russell, give the "we're No. 1" sign after scoring 28 points Friday night in an 87-73 victory over River Valley. Story on page 14. (Staff photo)

In other class A action involving rated teams, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills beat Grand Rapids Central Christian 85-83, Central 78-59 and Pontiac Central defeated Pontiac Northern 97-81.

In other Class B action, De-

troit Holy Redeemer edged Detroit Salesian 65-63, Grand Rapids East Christian beat Grand Rapids Central Christian 85-83, Wyoming Godwin Heights trampled Wyoming Park 60-34 and Bay City All Saints beat Bay City John Glenn 76-72.



**VICTORY RIDE:** Benton Harbor players are carried around court on shoulders of fans after coming from behind to defeat Niles 87-86 in overtime Friday night to win Class A district championship

at St. Joseph. In center of the victory parade are Larry Sanders (15), Don Hopkins (33) and Al Williams (24). (Redman & Ames photo)

## FIRST TITLE IN SIX YEARS

## Ponies Squash Bees

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**NILES** — St. Joe Catholic's high-powered Ponies raced to their first district championship in six years here Friday night with Tim "The Rim" Theisen burning up the court with a career-high performance.

Theisen threw in 36 points in an easy 83-61 victory over Bridgman which put St. Joe Catholic in next week's Class D regional at Portage Central high school.

Coach Bob Schmid's Ponies didn't try anything fancy Friday in playing a straight man-to-man defense and executing like a well-oiled machine on offense for easy layups which produced an excellent 48 per cent shooting average.

Bridgman lost rebounding ace Ken Bakeman, a 6-2 center, with a sprained ankle early in the first quarter and couldn't keep Theisen and the Ponies off the boards.

Theisen slapped home numerous tip-ins while picking up a whopping 25 rebounds and topping his previous high scoring mark of 31. The 6-1 senior forward canned a deadly 16 of 21 field goals and four of six free throws.

Theisen's runningmate at forward, Tim Lombardo, poured in 21 to give the Ponies a solid 1-2 punch.

"If Tim (Theisen) is on, you're not going to stop him," he was on," commented Schmid on the sterling showing. "I was afraid we were going to have a bad night because they have two good guards."



Bees guards Bob Ackerman and Bruce Rhew did spark their squad in collecting 19 of 17 tallies, respectively, but they were contained in the first half when St. Joe zipped to leads of 20-13 and 42-25 at the quarter marks.

They had only 12 at halftime in hitting on just four of 24 field goal attempts. The other Bees were just as cold-handed all night as Bridgman finished with a frigid 26 per cent shooting average from the floor.

Bridgman posted its only scoring edge of 17 to 16 in the third quarter by sinking seven of 25 attempts, but the Ponies still had the game in command entering the fourth quarter at 58-42.

Even with the subs filling in for all but Theisen and Lombardo, the Ponies still put together their best eight minutes of the night in the last period with 25 points, including 11 by Lombardo.

The Ponies posted a 30 for 62 mark in field goals and a dazzling 23 for 30 in the charity department. Bridgman hit 21 of

73 from the floor and 19 of 30 from the free throw lines. "They just outplayed us," said Bee coach Chuck Ridgeway. "The major point came when our big boy had to leave the game. He's been averaging 15 rebounds a game."

Theisen broke down his scoring with quarter totals of 13, 8, 7 and 8. The officials and Bridgman reserve Bruce Heyn contributed four to his cause.

In the third quarter, Pony guard Jeff Neumann was fouled while driving the basket. His shot rolled off the rim and Theisen sailed down the free throw lane to tip it in. The officials evidently didn't see

Theisen because they ruled the basket good and gave Neumann a free throw, despite the protests of Ridgeway and chuckles from Pony fans. And then in the fourth quarter, Heyn scooped a loose ball and temporarily lost his sense of direction by putting a layup in the Pony bucket. Theisen was awarded that basket for being the team captain.

It all left St. Joe Catholic

with a 9-9 record, an 82 points per game tournament average and the highest team tally in 23 games. Bridgman bows out at 7-12.

St. Joe Cath. (83)	Bridgman (61)	G F P	G F P
Theisen, 16 4 2	Weber, 16 4 2	1 4 3	1 4 3
Lombardo, 8 5 1	Mathieu, 2 2 4	2 2 4	2 2 4
Ambulas, 2 1 4	Bakeman, 1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Neumann, 2 3 5	Rhew, 4 9 3	4 9 3	4 9 3
Ives, 1 1 5	Ackerman, 9 1 3	9 1 3	9 1 3
Spaulding, 0 3 2	Rokely, 1 2 2	1 2 2	1 2 2
Rohwender, 0 6 2	Reyn, 1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Lucker, 1 0 1	Crocker, 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Howard, 0 0 0	Solinski, 1 2 4	1 2 4	1 2 4
Sundberg, 0 0 0	Toiske, 0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1
Brinall, 0 0 0	Messer, 0 0 1	0 0 1	0 0 1
Smith, 0 0 0	Svoboda, 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0

**TOTALS 30 23 23 TOTALS 21 19 20**  
**SCORE BY QUARTERS**  
St. Joe Catholic 20 22 16 25-83  
Bridgman 13 12 17 17-61

## 'Midget' Tops On Star Team

NEW YORK (AP)—John Rinaka of Kenyon, Ohio, at 5-foot-9 one of the smallest players in the sport, headed the 1969 Little All-American College basketball team selected today by the Associated Press.

Michigan placed no one on the first three teams. However, Northern Michigan's Ted Rose and Ferris State's Jesse Mangham were named to the honorable mention list.

Safety Allen Brenner was Michigan State's most valuable football player in 1968. He received the Governor of Michigan award. In the upset of Notre Dame, Brenner saved three touchdowns.



**FIRST IN SIX YEARS:** St. Joe Catholic coach Bob Schmid (right) receives school's first district championship trophy in six years from tournament manager Jerry Shook Friday night at Niles. Ponies

Tim Lombardo (20) and Tim Theisen (24) sparked their squad to the title with a combined 57 points in Friday's 83-61 victory over Bridgman. (Redman & Ames photo)



